WO 2005/041000 PCT/IB2004/052125

6

CLAIMS:

10

25

1. Information carrier comprising a integrated circuit (1) representing a physical unclonable function comprising:

- an input means (7) for receiving a challenge signal for challenging said integrated circuit (1),
- 5 a response signal providing means (2) for providing a response data signal in response to said challenge data signal,
 - an output means (8) for outputting said response data signal, and
 - a delay means (3, 5, 9-12) for delaying and/or prohibiting the provision and/or the output of said response data signal.

2. Information carrier as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that said response signal providing means comprise a memory (2) for storing pairs of challenge data and associated response data.

- 3. Information carrier as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that said response signal providing means (2) comprise a response signal generation means (13), in particular an encryption unit, for generating a response data signal in response to a challenge data signal.
- 4. Information carrier as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that said delay
 20 means comprise a noise source (3) for adding a noise signal to the response signal provided
 by said response signal providing means (2).
 - 5. Information carrier as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that said delay means comprise a noisy read-out means, in particular a noisy read-out amplifier for amplifying the response signal provided by said response signal providing means (2).
 - 6. Information carrier as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that said delay means comprise limiting means (9-12) for restricting the number of response data signals provided and/or outputted per time unit.

WO 2005/041000 PCT/IB2004/052125

7

- 7. Information carrier as claimed in claim 6, characterized in that said limiting means comprise means (9-12) for limiting the amount of power available per time unit.
- 5 8. Information carrier as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that said delay means comprise a counter means (14) for limiting the number of responses, in particular the total number of responses or the number of times the response to a given challenge can be provided, of said integrated circuit (1).
- 9. Integrated circuit (1) representing a physical unclonable function, in particular for use in an information carrier, comprising:
 - an input means (7) for receiving a challenge signal for challenging said integrated circuit (1),
- a response signal providing means (2) for providing a response data signal in response to said challenge data signal,
 - an output means (8) for outputting said response data signal, and
 - a delay means (3, 5, 9-12) for delaying and/or prohibiting the provision and/or the output of said response data signal.
- 20 10. Method of providing a physical unclonable function comprising the steps of:
 - receiving a challenge signal for challenging said integrated circuit (1),
 - providing a response data signal in response to said challenge data signal,
 - outputting said response data signal, and
 - delaying and/or prohibiting the provision and/or the output of said response
- 25 data signal.
 - 11. Computer program comprising program code means for causing a computer to carry out the steps of the method as claimed in claim 10 when said computer program is run on a computer.